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SUBJECT: REACTION TO ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON BANGLADESH

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SUMMARY: PUBLIC REACTION TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY ENDORSING REKOGNITION BANGLADESH HAS BEEN CALM THROUGHOUT COUNTRY SO FAR. NO DEMONSTRATIONS EITHER FOR OR AGAINST RECOGNITION HAVE BEEN REPORTED. OPPOSITION POLITICIANS FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO RATIONALIZE THEIR BOYCOTT OF ASSEMBLY VOTE, AND SENIOR OPPOSITION LEADER HAS RESIGNED FROM JOINT OPPOSITION OFFICES OVER THIS ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

1. TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PUBLIC REACTION TO CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION ON RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH ADOPTED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY JULY 10. PRESS COMMENTS HAVE GENERALLY BEEN FAVORABLE.

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2. CONGEN LAHORE REPORTS THAT STUDENT ARM OF JAMAAT-I-ISLAMI THREATENED TO HOLD PROTEST DEMONSTRATION JULY 13, BUT NONE MATERIALIZED. CONGEN KARACHI ALSO REPORTS ALL QUIET. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THERE HAVE BEEN NO PUBLIC MANIFESTATIONS OF EITHER OPPOSITION OR SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION SINCE ITS ADOPTION. SECTION 144 PROHIBITING PUBLIC GATHERINGS IS IN FORCE IN MOST MAJOR TOWNS AS PRE-CAUTIONARY MEASURE.

3. OPPOSITION POLITICIANS OPPOSED TO BANGLADESH RECOGNITION HAVE BEEN HARD PRESSED IN FINDING BASIS TO OPPOSE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION. UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT ACTION COMMITTEE JULY 11. PASSED RESOLUTION ACCUSING GOP OF CAUSING DELAY IN REPATRIATION OF POWS BY LINKING ISSUE WITH BANGLADESH RECOGNITION. TEHRIK-I-ISTIGLAL CHIEF ASGHAR KHAN SAID SAME DAY THAT ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION WAS AGAINST WISHES OF COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY SINCE PEOPLE OF EAST PAKISTAN WERE NOW "DISENCHANTED" AND WERE REASSESSING "THE WHOLE SITUATION".

4. FISSURES HAVE DEVELOPED IN OPPOSITION RANKS ON THIS ISSUE. SPOKESMAN FOR JOINT OPPOSITION IN ASSEMBLY AND CHAIRMAN OF OPPOSITION COORDINATING COMMITTEE, SARDAR SHAUKAT HYAT, HAS RESIGNED BOTH POSITIONS IN PROTEST AGAINST OPPOSITION BOYCOTT OF ASSEMBLY VOTING ON BANGLADESH RESOLUTION. SHAUKAT RECALLED THAT BANGLADESH RECOGNITION HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM 12-POINT PROGRAM OF UDF, PRINCIPALLY AT NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY REQUEST. HE HINTED THAT HE HAD NOT MOVED HIS ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTION ON RECOGNITION (REFTEL) BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF OPPOSITION.

5. WORKING COMMITTEE OF SIND NAP IN JULY 16 MEETING DEMANDED "IMMEDIATE AND FORTHWITH RECOGNITION" OF BANGLADESH AND REQUESTED NAP PRESIDENT WALI KHAN TO MOVE NEW RESOLUTION TO THIS EFFECT IN ASSEMBLY. COMMITTEE RATIONALIZED OPPOSITION BOYCOTT OF ASSEMBLY VOTE AS REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN PRESENT GOVERNMENT (WALI'S LINE).

6. UDF HAS SO FAR AVOIDED TAKING FURTHER POSITION ON RECENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VOTE. IT SIGNIFICANTLY HAS TURNED ITS ATTENTION TOWARD DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, DESIGNATING JULY 20 AS "BALUCHISTAN DAY" TO PROTEST AGAINST PARLIAMENTARY SITUATION IN THAT PROVINCE.

7. COMMENT: CONDITIONAL NATURE OF BANGLADESH RESOLUTION, PRIOR TACIT ENDORSEMENT BY SUPREME COURT, SCHOOL VACATIONS, AND IMPOSITION OF SECTION 144 HAVE PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED

TO CALM REACTION SO FAR TO ITS PASSAGE.
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